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Title: The Dark Ether.

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collection of pages,  
written in a deep crimson  
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Foreword:  
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I last touched upon the  
subject of the Dark  
Ether, in my book  
"Necromancy - the Dark  
Art". In that tome I  
referred to the winds of  
magic, and not to the  
specific schools thereof, I  
shall address this matter  
in part, with this volume.  
Allow me a moment to  
recap for those unfamiliar  
with my previous works:  
magic draws its power  
from 'winds' of ether  
that travel the world in  
rivers of magical energy  
invisible to the untrained  
eye. It is from these  
rivers of magic that  
those who practice the  
arcane arts draw forth  
their power. They draw  
mana from this stream,  
and use it to fuel their  
spells and scrolls.  
All wizards (with the  
exception of elementalists)  
use this method to cast  
spells, and it has been in  
use for millennia. It is  
important when thinking  
of the Winds of Magic  
to realize that the rivers  
themselves has no set  
routes; they stream  
around the realm like

loose ribbons in a gale,  
rarely staying in one  
place for long. Certain  
areas attract the Winds  
in greater quantities,  
sacred sites, stone  
circles, and temples. For  
whatever reason these  
sites focus the Winds.

The Winds of Black Magic  
however are not so free  
roaming. Indeed they are  
often static within an  
area. Places of evil,  
hatred and corruption  
attract this tainted  
ether, and as such it can  
be found anywhere where  
mankind is present in  
great numbers.

Not only do these places  
attract the Dark Magic,  
but also they fuel it. It  
grows darker in darker  
places, leaving its taint  
on all it touches. In  
sufficient concentration it  
can drive men to commit  
further deeds of evil,  
such is its power. In  
this way Dark Magic is  
self-perpetuating in a way  
that few other forces  
are.

It is the aim of all those  
who dare walk the path  
to power that is shunned  
by the cowardly to  
harness this black ether,  
for it is the only form  
of energy that will power  
the darkest of spells.  
But with the greater  
power of this form of  
magic, so comes the  
greater cost.

Dark Ether will not be  
bound to the will of all  
save the strongest Mages  
and Necromancers, indeed,  
many of those who delves  
to deeply into its power  
speak of it possessing a  
consciousness of its very  
own. Such an event is

not impossible, for the  
connection of the Dark  
Ether with The Void is  
strong indeed, who can  
say what power holds an  
interest in its use?